

Celebration of the Funeral Mass for
Marilyn Finnigan



16th December 1938 – 8th January 2025

Nazareth House Chapel, 16th January, 2025
Fr Paul Rowse, OP



Entrance Hymn

(please stand)

Here I am Lord

I the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.
I, who make the stars of light, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*Refrain: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide, Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life for them, Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Greeting

Priest In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
All Amen

Priest The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and
the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
All **And with your spirit.**

Eulogies

(please be seated)

*Matthew Finnigan
Melinda Finnigan*

Photo Reflection

Sprinkling with Holy Water

Fr Paul, Jacinta Finnigan and Debbie Menz

Priest In Baptism, Marilyn was given a share in the death and resurrection of Christ. As we gather today to celebrate the mystery of faith, we greet the body of our sister.

All May she now share in eternal life with Christ in glory.

Lighting of the Paschal Candle

Shane Finnigan and Paul Finnigan

Priest In Baptism, Marilyn received the light of Christ. This light has guided her through life.

All May it now lead her to eternal life.

Placing of the Pall

Chiara Finnigan and Luke Finnigan

Priest In Baptism, Marilyn was clothed in the white garment and was asked to wear it through her life with the love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

All May she now be wrapped in the eternal love of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Opening Prayer

(please stand)

Priest Let us pray. O God, almighty Father, our faith professes that your Son died and rose again; mercifully grant, that through this mystery your servant Marilyn, who has fallen asleep in Christ, may rejoice to rise again through Him. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

Sue Johnston

(please be seated)

A reading from Ecclesiasticus 3:1-12 :

There is a season for everything,
a time for every occupation under heaven:
A time for giving birth, a time for dying; a time for planting,
a time for uprooting what has been planted.
A time for killing, a time for healing;
a time for knocking down, a time for building.
A time for tears, a time for laughter;
a time for mourning, a time for dancing.
A time for throwing stones away, a time for gathering them;
a time for embracing, a time to refrain from embracing.
A time for searching, a time for losing;
a time for keeping, a time for discarding.
A time for tearing, a time for sewing;
a time for keeping silent, a time for speaking.
A time for loving, a time for hating;
a time for war, a time for peace.

What do people gain from the efforts they make?
I contemplate the task that God gives humanity to labour at.
All that he does is apt for its time; but although he has given us
an awareness of the passage of time, we can grasp neither the
beginning nor the end of what God does.
I know there is no happiness for a human being except in
pleasure and enjoyment through life.

The word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 23 The Lord is my Shepherd

The response is: The Lord is my Shepherd
There is nothing I shall want.

Response **The Lord is my Shepherd**
There is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; There is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green and the pastures where he gives me repose,
Near restful waters he leads me, To revive my drooping spirit.

Response: **The Lord is my shepherd**
There is nothing I shall want.

He guides me along the right path; He is true to His name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness, No evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
With these you give me comfort.

Response: **The Lord is my shepherd**
There is nothing I shall want.

You have prepared a banquet for me, In the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; My cup is overflowing.
Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days
of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell, For ever and ever.

Response: **The Lord is my shepherd**
There is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading

Penny Hendrie

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (14:7-12)

For none of us lives to himself,
and none of us dies to himself.

For if we live, we live to the Lord,
and if we die, we die to the Lord.

So then, whether we live or whether we die,
we are the Lord's.

For to this end Christ died and lived again,
that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother?

Or you, why do you despise your brother?

For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God;
for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every
tongue shall confess to God.”

So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

The word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

(please stand)

Priest Alleluia, alleluia!

Priest I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever
believes in me will not die for ever.

All **Alleluia!**

Holy Gospel

Priest The Lord be with you.

All And with your spirit.

Priest: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John 14: 1-6.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily

(please be seated)

Prayers of the Faithful

Therese Sheahan, Kathryn O'Connor, Tony Murnane, John Canavan, Noel Rode

Priest Father, we are here at the conclusion of one life, to celebrate, though with sadness, the beginning of a new life. In the shadow of this death which now clouds our joy, let us call upon the Lord, that he might lift us up to new life in the same Christ, our risen Saviour.

Therese Lord, we thank You for Marilyn's witness to the Catholic Faith, which formed, inspired and guided her during her life.
Lord, hear us.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Kathryn Lord Jesus, we pray in thanksgiving for the Sisters of Nazareth House and all the people who cared, helped and supported her and the family towards the end of Marilyn's life. We pray that you bless them abundantly. Lord, hear us.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Tony God, our shelter and our strength, you listen to the cry of your people: hear the prayers we offer for our departed brothers and sisters. Cleanse them of their sins and grant them the fullness of redemption. We ask you this through Christ our Lord.
Lord, hear us.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

John Lord Jesus, we pray especially for Marilyn's children and grandchildren. May they always hold in their heart the unconditional love that she held for them, and know that from Heaven, together with Bill they will watch over and protect them. Lord hear us.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Noel Lord Jesus, we thank you for Marilyn's life. We rejoice in the friendliness, love and kindness she demonstrated throughout her life. May she inspire us all to live rich, meaningful lives and never give up in times of trial. Lord, hear us.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Priest God of the living and the dead, hear us, and at the hour of death welcome us into your kingdom, where Jesus is Lord for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Preparation of the Gifts

(please be seated)

Martin Finnigan and Andrew Finnigan

Offertory Hymn

Make Me a channel of your Peace

Make me a channel of your peace, where there is hatred let me bring your love, Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord, and where there's doubt true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace. Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope, Where there is darkness only light, and where there's sadness ever joy.

Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console, To be understood as to understand, To be loved as to love, with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive, and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Invitation to Prayer

(please stand)

Priest Pray, brothers and sisters, that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty father. *(please stand)*

All **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of His name, for our good and the good of all His holy church.**

The priest then says the Prayer over the Gifts.

Eucharistic Prayer

Priest The Lord be with you.
All And with your spirit.

Priest Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right and just.

The priest continues with the Preface followed by:

All Holy, Holy, Holy Lord god of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(please kneel)

The priest continues the Eucharistic Prayer...

Priest ...The mystery of faith.
All We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

The priest concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.

Priest ... for ever and ever.
All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

(please stand)

Priest At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Priest Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Sign of Peace

Priest Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace I give you; look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who live and reign for ever and ever.

All Amen.

Priest The Peace of the Lord be with you always.

All And with your spirit.

Everyone offers the sign of peace.

Breaking of the Bread

**All Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

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have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.**

Communion

(please kneel)

Priest Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Bless are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

**All Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.**

Communion Hymn

Soul of my Saviour

Prayer After Communion

(please stand)

Priest Let us pray. Lord God, who's Son left us, in the Sacrament of his Body, food for the journey, Mercifully grant that, strengthened by it, our sister Marilyn, may come to the eternal table of Christ. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All Amen.

Final Commendation

Priest Before we go our separate ways, let us take leave of our sister Marilyn. May our farewell express our affection for her, may it ease our sadness and strengthen our hope. One day we shall joyfully greet her again, when the love of Christ, which conquers all things and destroys even death itself.
The coffin is sprinkled with Holy Water and then Incensed.

Priest Saints of God, come to her aid! Hasten to meet her, angels of the Lord.

All Receive her soul and present her to God the most high.

Priest May Christ, who called you, take you to himself; may angels lead you into the bosom of Abraham.

All Receive her soul and present her to God the most high.

Priest Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

All Receive her soul and present her to God the most high.

Priest Into your hands, Father of mercies, we commend our sister Marilyn, in the sure and certain hope that, together with all who have died in Christ, she will rise with Him on the last day. Merciful Lord, turn to us and listen to our prayers, open the gates of paradise to your servant and help us who remain to comfort one another with the assurances of faith, until we all meet Christ and are with you and with our sister forever.

All Amen.

Priest May the angels lead you into paradise, may the martyrs come to welcome you and take you into the Holy City, the new and eternal Jerusalem. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace.

All **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn

Hail Queen of Heaven

Hail, Queen of heaven, the ocean star,
Guide of the wanderer here below,
Thrown on life's surge, we claim thy care,
Save us from peril and from woe.
Mother of Christ, Star of the Sea
Pray for the wanderer, pray for me.

O gentle, chaste, and spotless Maid,
We sinners make our prayers through thee;
Remind thy son that he has paid
The price of our iniquity.
Virgin most pure, Star of the Sea,
Pray for us sinner, pray for me.

Sojourners in this vale of tears,
To thee, blest, Advocate, we cry,
Pity our sorrows, calm our fears,
And soothe with hope our misery,
Refuge in grief, Star of the sea,
Pray for the mourner, pray for me.

And while to him who reigns above
In Godhead one, in Persons Three,
The source of life, of grace, of love,
Homage we pay on bended knee:
Do you, bright Queen, Star of the Sea,
Pray for thy children, pray for me.

Jacinta, Shane, Melinda, Martin, Matthew, Andrew, Paul, Chiara and Luke would like to thank you all for your support, prayers and attendance today.

The burial will take place at Eltham Cemetery at approximately 1pm.

We invite you to join the family at Montsalvat for refreshments after the burial.



JAMIE'S PRAYER

May the light of God's Universe
fill your mind,
refresh your soul
and elevate your spirit -
So your spirit walks a little freer
flies like a bird on
the wing
rises like a mountain above the
cloud
shines like a star in the sky

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